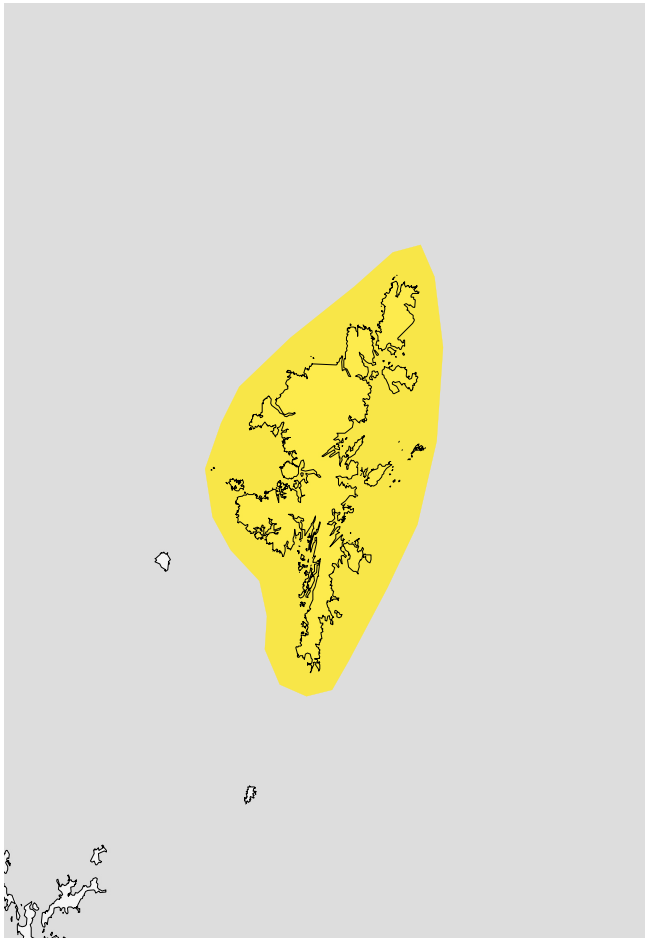
Yellow warning
Wind & Snow

Between
21:00 Wed 27 Dec 2023 and
06:00 Thu 28 Dec 2023



Strong winds and a period of snow associated with Storm Gerrit could bring disruption on Wednesday night into Thursday morning.

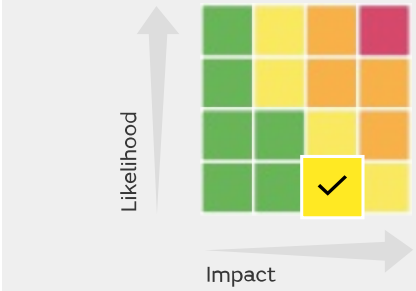
What to expect

- Some delays to road, air and ferry transport expected
- There is a slight chance that power cuts may occur, with the potential to affect other services, such as mobile phone coverage
- There is a small chance of injuries from flying debris
- There is a slight chance of some damage to buildings, such as tiles blown from roofs
- There is a small chance that injuries could occur from large waves and beach material being thrown onto sea fronts, coastal roads and properties

Further details

A period of strong winds is likely across the Shetland Islands on Wednesday night, these winds easing on Thursday morning. There is a small chance that gusts could reach 75-85 mph at times.

A period of heavy snow will also affect the islands, with blizzards and drifting likely in the strong winds. A few cm could accumulate at low levels with 5-10 cm over higher ground. There is the potential for the build-up of ice on powerlines and some other structures.



Very low likelihood of medium impacts

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Further Details (continued)

What should I do?

Snowy, wintry weather can cause delays and make driving conditions dangerous, so to keep yourself and others safe: plan your route, checking for delays and road closures, amending your travel plans if necessary; if driving, leave more time to prepare and check your car before setting off; make sure you have essentials packed in your car in the event of any delays (warm clothing, food, water, a blanket, a torch, ice scraper/de-icer, a warning triangle, high visibility vest and an in-car phone charger).

Prepare to protect your property and people from injury. Check for loose items outside your home and plan how you could secure them. Items include; bins, garden furniture, trampolines, tents, sheds and fences.

People cope better with power cuts when they have prepared for them in advance. It's easy to do; consider gathering torches and batteries, a mobile phone power pack and other essential items.

If you are on the coast, stay safe during stormy weather by being aware of large waves. Even from the shore large breaking waves can sweep you off your feet and out to sea. Take care if walking near cliffs; know your route and keep dogs on a lead. In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

Be prepared for weather warnings to change quickly. When a weather warning is issued, the Met Office recommends staying up to date with the weather forecast in your area.

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